

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In paragraph [0034], please replace the previously amended third (3<sup>rd</sup>) sentence as follows:

The term auto-induction is used to refer to the growth pattern of ~~inducible~~-expression strains in ~~lactose-inducer~~containing media, where growth is essentially normal in the early stages, with little or no induction, and expression of the target protein is turned on automatically at a later stage of growth, with no intervention.

In Table I, please replace the top column heading line of the table as follows:

Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> MgSO<sub>4</sub> FeCl<sub>3</sub> metl ZY 18aa Glyc Gluc Lact Succ